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NOTIFICATION.

No. L.D. 1431--Legis. 3-51-15, Bangalore, dated 5th December 1952.

Ordered that the Press and Registration of Books (Amendment) Bill, 1952, introduced in the House of the People on 18th November 1952 and published in the *Gazette of India*, Part II, Section 2, dated the 22nd November 1952, be republished in the *Mysore Gazette*, for general information.

By Order and in the name of the Rajpramukh,

N. R. JAYA RAO,
Legal Remembrancer and
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE.

New Delhi, the 22nd November 1952.

The following Bill was introduced in the House of the People on 18th November 1952 :—

BILL NO. 116 OF 1952.

A Bill further to amend the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.

BE it enacted by Parliament as follows :—

1. Short title.—This Act may be called the Press and Registration of Books (Amendment) Act, 1952.

2. Amendment of long title and preamble, Act XXV of 1867.—In the long title of, and the preamble to, the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) for the word "newspapers", the words "printed papers" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 1, Act XXV of 1867.—In section 1 of the principal Act,—

(*a*) in the definition of 'book', the words 'or lithographed' shall be omitted ;

(*b*) after the definition of 'newspaper' the following definitions shall be inserted, namely :—

'"paper" includes every document printed other than a book;
"printing" includes cyclostyling and printing by lithography.'.

4. Amendment of section 4, Act XXV of 1867.—Section 4 of the principal Act shall be renumbered as sub-section (*1*) of that section and after sub-section (*1*) as so renumbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely :—

"(*2*) As often as the place where a press is kept is changed a new declaration shall be necessary ;

Provided that where the change is for a period not exceeding sixty days and the place where the press is kept after the change is within the local jurisdiction of the magistrate referred to in sub-section (*1*), no new declaration shall be necessary if—

(*a*) a statement relating to the change is furnished to the said magistrate within twenty-four hours thereof; and

(*b*) the keeper of the press continues to be the same.".

5. Amendment of section 5, Act XXV of 1867.—In section 5 of the principal Act—

(*1*) in the declaration contained in rule (2), for the words "and printed or published, or printed and published", the words "and to be printed or published or to be printed and published" shall be substituted;

(*2*) to rule (*3*), the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that where the change is for a period not exceeding thirty days and the place of printing or publication after the change is within the local jurisdiction of the magistrate referred to in rule (2) no new declaration shall be necessary if—

(*a*) a statement relating to the change is furnished to the said magistrate within twenty-four hours thereof, and

(*b*) the printer or publisher or the printer and publisher of the newspaper continues to be the same.";

(*3*) in rule (4), for the words "shall leave India", the words "shall leave India for a period exceeding thirty days" shall be substituted;

(*4*) after rule (4) and before the proviso to section 5, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:—

"(5) Where a newspaper does not commence publication within three months of the declaration made in respect thereof, the declaration shall be void, and a new declaration shall be necessary before the newspaper can be published.

(6) Where a newspaper has ceased publication for a period exceeding twelve months, every declaration made in respect thereof shall be void, and a new declaration shall be necessary before the newspaper can be republished.

(7) Every existing declaration in respect of a newspaper shall be cancelled before a new declaration is made and subscribed in respect of the same."

6. Amendment of section 9, Act XXV of 1867.—In section 9 of the principal Act, the words "or lithographed" wherever they occur shall be omitted.

7. Amendment of section 13, Act XXV of 1867.—In section 13 of the principal Act, for the words "without making such a declaration as is required by section 4 of this Act,", the words "in contravention of any of the provisions contained in section 4 of this Act" shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of section 14, Act XXV of 1867. In section 14 of the principal Act, for the words "any declaration" the words "any declaration or other statement" shall be substituted.

9. Amendment of section 18, Act XXV of 1867.—In section 18 of the principal Act, in item (12) of the particulars, for the words "or lithographed", the words "cyclostyled or lithographed" shall be substituted.

10. Insertion of new section 22 in Act XXV of 1867.—After section 21 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

"22. *Extent.*—This Act extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this amending Bill is to amend the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, on the basis partly of the recommendations made by the Press Laws Enquiry Committee which had been set up by the Government of India and partly on the basis of the recommendations made by State Governments who have experienced difficulties in the working of the Act. The main amendments are as follows :—

(*i*) Temporary changes in the place of printing or publication may merely be notified to the magistrate within 24 hours and if this is done no fresh declaration is necessary so long as the keeper of the press or the publisher continues to be the same.

(*ii*) A declaration which is not followed by publication of a newspaper within three months becomes void.

(*iii*) When a newspaper ceases publication for a period of twelve months or more the declaration becomes void.

(*iv*) The Act applies to all printed, cyclostyled, or lithographed matter including posters.

NEW DELHI,

The 9th November, 1952.

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M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.

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